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REQUEST FOR SECOND ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME
(Section 1.136(b))

Sir:

The undersigned requests a further one month extension of time (until April 26, 2003) to file a Reply to the Examiner's Answer in the above-identified appeal, for medical reasons.

Applicant has been advised by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences that the above application has been remanded back to the Art Group for further consideration. Thus, this request is being made to the Art Group.

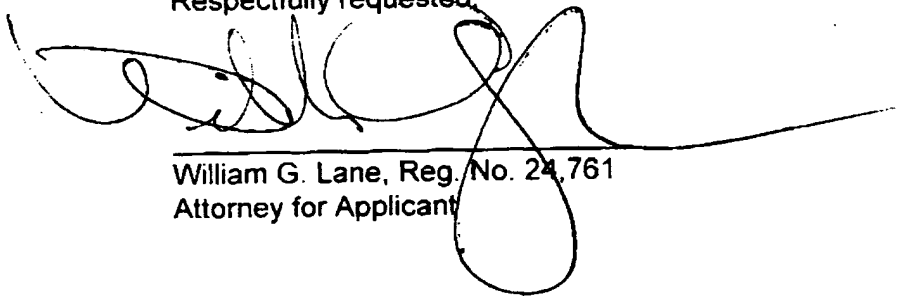
Discussion

The first request for a one month extension of time set forth medical problems experienced by the undersigned up to the date of the request. Unfortunately, the problem was not resolved at that time. On February 26, 2003, the undersigned experienced another episode of the hematuria. On the same day, the undersigned was subject to an endoscopic examination at Norris Cancer Clinic in Los Angeles and a large lesion was discovered in the bladder wall. The examining physician opined that it appeared to be bladder cancer. His

opinion was conditioned upon a pathological examination of the lesion. On the following Monday, March 3, 2003, the undersigned underwent surgery at Norris Cancer Clinic, wherein the lesion was excised, fulgurated and tissues samples retrieved for pathology. On Wednesday, March 5, 2003, the undersigned was advised by his physician that the lesion was not cancerous, that the lesion was caused by localized primary amyloidosis. The undersigned conferred with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota (a leader in amyloidosis treatment) regarding the amyloidosis and was advised on Monday, March 10, 2003, that it was not immediately life-threatening and that the bladder wall should be endoscopically monitored on a periodic basis to ensure that there was not a recurrence of the lesion or other lesions. The undersigned does not hesitate to say that the last two weeks were very time consuming and the most stressful in his life. The undersigned's hours were severely limited.

The undersigned requires an additional month to review the Examiner's answer and prepare an appropriate response. A favorable action is solicited. The undersigned requests that the above facts be maintained in private. In view of the findings of the physicians, the undersigned believes that there will be no further need for extensions based on medical causes.

Respectfully requested,

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